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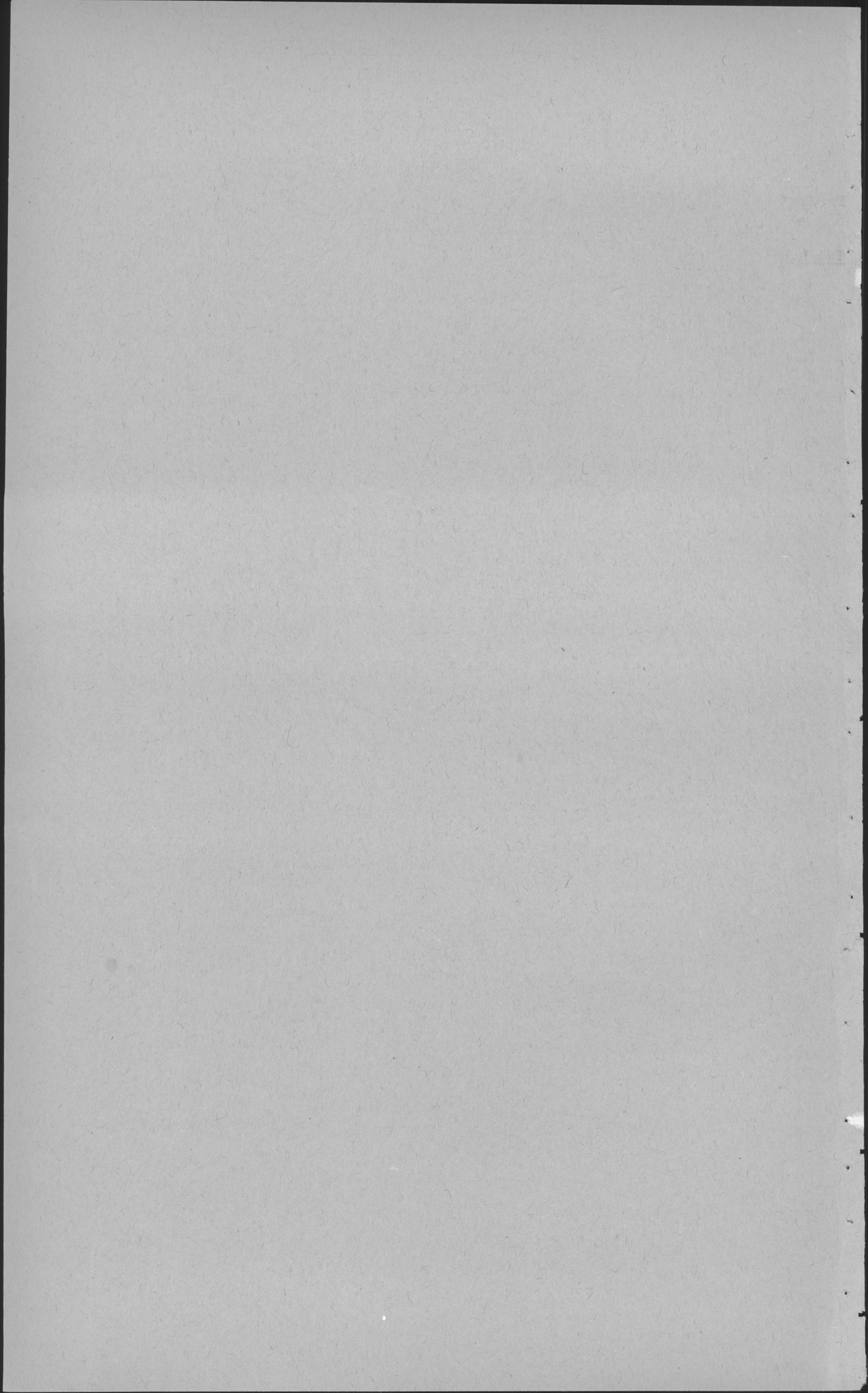
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

AUSTRALIA : (Thousands) (EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1954		1955				
	Sept.	Oct.	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.
<u>MALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	1371.2	1374.1	1401.4	(c)1399.9	1401.3	1405.4	1406.5
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	30.0	29.9	30.8	(c)28.2	30.8	30.7	30.7
Other	126.6	126.7	130.0	130.0	130.4	130.0	130.1
State and Semi-Governmental	363.3	362.3	373.3	372.8	(c)372.0	371.9	369.7
Local Authorities	62.0	62.2	65.0	65.1	65.1	65.1	64.7
2. Total Governmental	581.9	581.1	599.1	(c)596.1	(c)598.3	597.7	595.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1953.1	1955.2	2000.5	(c)1996.0	(c)1999.6	2003.1	2001.7
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	60.8	60.5	57.7	59.9	60.2	60.1	60.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2013.9	2015.7	2058.2	(c)2055.9	(c)2059.8	2063.2	2061.7

<u>FEMALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	598.5	602.2	615.7	615.1	616.7	620.2	623.8
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.5	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.1
Other	36.0	36.4	37.3	37.8	37.9	37.6	37.5
State and Semi-Governmental	68.1	68.1	72.7	73.0	73.5	73.3	73.5
Local Authorities	5.5	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9
2. Total Governmental	116.1	116.5	122.8	123.6	124.2	123.7	124.0
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	714.6	718.7	738.5	738.7	740.9	743.9	747.8
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	716.7	720.8	740.6	740.8	743.1	746.0	749.8

<u>PERSONS</u>							
1. In Private Employment	1969.7	1976.3	2017.1	(c)2015.0	2018.0	2025.6	2030.3
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	36.5	36.4	37.8	(c)35.2	37.8	37.7	37.8
Other	162.6	163.1	167.3	167.8	168.3	167.6	167.6
State and Semi-Governmental	431.4	430.4	446.0	445.8	(c)445.5	445.2	443.2
Local Authorities	67.5	67.7	70.8	70.9	70.9	70.9	70.6
2. Total Governmental	698.0	697.6	721.9	(c)719.7	(c)722.5	721.4	719.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2667.7	2673.9	2739.0	(c)2734.7	(c)2740.5	2747.0	2749.5
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	62.9	62.6	59.8	62.0	62.4	62.2	62.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2730.6	2736.5	2798.8	(c)2796.7	(c)2802.9	2809.2	2811.5

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

TABLE 1 : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1316.3	1365.2	(a)1399.9	562.8	593.7	615.1	1879.1	1958.9	(a)2015.0
August	1319.4	1366.9	1401.3	565.0	594.5	616.7	1884.4	1961.4	2018.0
September	1323.6	1371.2	1405.4	569.1	598.5	620.2	1892.7	1969.7	2025.6
October	1330.4	1374.1	1406.5	574.5	602.2	623.8	1904.9	1976.3	2030.3
November	1337.9	1381.2		582.7	610.5		1920.6	1991.7	
December	1340.9	1384.3		590.0	615.6		1930.9	1999.9	
January	1344.2	1382.4		587.0	608.0		1931.2	1990.4	
February	1348.8	1388.2		588.3	613.5		1937.1	2001.7	
March	1356.2	1393.9		593.7	616.2		1949.9	2010.1	
April	1358.3	1395.5		593.1	614.6		1951.4	2010.1	
May	1361.9	1398.5		592.7	615.4		1954.6	2013.9	
June	1367.0	1401.4		593.0	615.7		1960.0	2017.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	566.1	582.1	(a)596.1	112.5	115.4	123.6	678.6	697.5	(a)719.7
August	566.8	582.4	(a)598.3	112.5	116.0	124.2	679.3	698.4	(a)722.5
September	566.7	581.9	597.7	112.4	116.1	123.7	679.1	698.0	721.4
October	567.4	581.1	595.2	111.8	116.5	124.0	679.2	697.6	719.2
November	568.7	583.6		111.9	117.0		680.6	700.6	
December	569.9	584.7		111.3	116.3		681.2	701.0	
January	568.1	586.0		110.7	116.2		678.8	702.2	
February	571.6	589.2		113.0	119.3		684.6	708.5	
March	575.1	592.4		114.2	121.3		689.3	713.7	
April	577.8	595.4		114.4	121.4		692.2	716.8	
May	580.0	597.0		114.6	121.8		694.6	718.8	
June	581.4	599.1		114.5	122.8		695.9	721.9	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a)1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a)2734.7
August	1886.2	1949.3	(a)1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	(a)2740.5
September	1890.3	1953.1	2003.1	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	2747.0
October	1897.8	1955.2	2001.7	686.3	718.7	747.8	2584.1	2673.9	2749.5
November	1906.6	1964.8		694.6	727.5		2601.2	2692.3	
December	1910.8	1969.0		701.3	731.9		2612.1	2700.9	
January	1912.3	1968.4		697.7	724.2		2610.0	2692.6	
February	1920.4	1977.4		701.3	732.8		2621.7	2710.2	
March	1931.3	1986.3		707.9	737.5		2639.2	2723.8	
April	1936.1	1990.9		707.5	736.0		2643.6	2726.9	
May	1941.9	1995.5		707.3	737.2		2649.2	2732.7	
June	1948.4	2000.5		707.5	738.5		2655.9	2739.0	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5	60.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.5	62.6	62.0
November	57.0	52.5		2.0	2.1		59.0	54.6	
December	52.5	50.1		2.0	2.0		54.5	52.1	
January	62.7	60.1		2.0	2.0		64.7	62.1	
February	62.3	60.1		2.0	2.1		64.3	62.2	
March	61.3	57.9		1.9	2.1		63.2	60.0	
April	59.8	58.9		2.0	2.1		61.8	61.0	
May	61.0	59.1		1.9	2.1		62.9	61.2	
June	60.1	57.7		2.0	2.1		62.1	59.8	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural Workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a)2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a)2796.7
August	1951.7	2010.8	(a)2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	(a)2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	2063.2	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	2809.2
October	1960.3	2015.7	2061.7	688.3	720.8	749.8	2648.6	2736.5	2811.5
November	1963.6	2017.3		696.6	729.6		2660.2	2746.9	
December	1963.3	2019.1		703.3	733.9		2666.6	2753.0	
January	1975.0	2028.5		699.7	726.2		2674.7	2754.7	
February	1982.7	2037.5		703.3	734.9		2686.0	2772.4	
March	1992.6	2044.2		709.8	739.6		2702.4	2783.8	
April	1995.9	2049.8		709.5	738.1		2705.4	2787.9	
May	2002.9	2054.6		709.2	739.3		2712.1	2793.9	
June	2008.5	2058.2		709.5	740.6		2718.0	2798.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 6 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
 (EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
 (Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1953 Sept.	566.7	1,323.6	1,890.3	112.4	569.1	681.5	679.1	1,892.7	2,571.8	64.8
Oct.	567.4	1,330.4	1,897.8	111.8	574.5	686.3	679.2	1,904.9	2,584.1	64.5
Nov.	568.7	1,337.9	1,906.6	111.9	582.7	694.6	680.6	1,920.6	2,601.2	59.0
Dec.	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	111.3	590.0	701.3	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	54.5
1954 Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	110.7	587.0	697.7	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	64.7
Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2
Apr.	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	586.0	1,382.4	1,968.4	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.2	1,990.4	2,692.6	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
Mar.	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
Apr.	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July(e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
Aug.(e)	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept.	597.7	1,405.4	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.6	2,747.0	62.2
Oct.	595.2	1,406.5	2,001.7	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.2	2,030.3	2,749.5	62.0

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, OCTOBER, 1955

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	9.3	1.0	45.6	13.8	54.9	14.8	132.8	25.2	26.3	2.7	214.0	42.7	256.7
Victoria	15.9	5.1	34.3	10.5	50.2	15.6	95.0	22.3	12.4	1.4	157.6	39.3	196.9
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.5	4.5	17.7	4.7	53.8	7.2	17.4	1.0	88.9	12.9	101.8
South Australia	3.3	0.6	12.1	2.9	15.4	3.5	37.6	8.9	2.9	0.3	55.9	12.7	68.6
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.3	2.0	9.0	2.1	37.1	6.3	3.5	0.3	49.6	8.7	58.3
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.2	1.1	4.3	1.2	13.4	3.6	2.2	0.2	19.9	5.0	24.9
Northern Terr.	0.1	-	2.2	0.5	2.3	0.5	-	-	-	-	2.3	0.5	2.8
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	-	6.9	2.2	7.0	2.2	-	-	-	-	7.0	2.2	9.2
Total, October	30.7	7.1	130.1	37.5	160.8	44.6	369.7	73.5	64.7	5.9	595.2	124.0	719.2
Total, September	30.7	7.0	130.0	37.6	160.7	44.6	371.9	73.3	65.1	5.8	597.7	123.7	721.4

(a) See note (a) to Table 6 on previous page.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	June 1955	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955
MALES									
New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	779.8	779.4
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	556.7	557.0
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	273.5	273.1
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	179.3	179.3
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	(b) 126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	136.6	136.3
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	63.3	62.9
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	4.9
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.9	8.8
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2003.1	2001.7

FEMALES

New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	295.9	297.7
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	227.0	228.3
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	90.4	90.6
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	61.4	61.9
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	43.9	43.9
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	21.4	21.5
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	743.9	747.8

PERSONS

New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1075.7	1077.1
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	783.7	785.3
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	363.9	363.7
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	240.7	241.2
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	(b) 166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	180.5	180.2
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	84.7	84.4
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.0	5.9
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.8	11.7
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2747.0	2749.5

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS
TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS
AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)
(Thousands)

Industrial Group	Sept., 1954	Oct., 1954	July, 1955	August, 1955	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955
MALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.4	26.2	26.9	27.1	26.9	26.7
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.3	9.3	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.0
Coal	29.4	29.2	28.6	28.5	28.4	28.1
Other (incl. Quarries)	11.7	11.7	12.3	12.2	12.2	12.1
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.8	57.6	58.3	58.2	58.2	57.6
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	698.9	700.6	* 712.2	716.2	717.4	718.7
Other (b)	60.9	60.9	62.4	* 62.0	62.8	62.8
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	759.8	761.5	* 774.6	* 778.2	780.2	781.5
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	91.3	90.7	92.5	92.6	93.8	93.7
Other (d)	113.2	113.1	119.6	117.5	116.4	114.6
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	204.5	203.8	212.1	210.1	210.2	208.3
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	83.2	82.4	84.7	84.7	84.9	84.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	48.8	49.3	51.6	51.5	51.2	50.0
Rail and Air Transport	106.9	106.7	108.4	108.7	108.2	107.6
Communication	61.7	62.0	64.2	64.3	64.3	64.5
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	300.6	300.4	308.9	309.2	308.6	306.9
<u>Property and Finance, (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>						
Banks and Insurance)	58.0	57.8	59.5	59.5	59.5	59.4
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	118.9	119.7	123.5	124.0	124.2	124.2
Primary Produce Agencies	23.7	25.0	22.5	22.8	24.5	25.6
Retail Trade	128.2	128.2	128.8	128.8	128.9	129.5
<u>Total Commerce</u>	270.8	272.9	274.8	275.6	277.6	279.3
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	97.9	97.6	99.3	99.6	99.5	99.5
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	25.8	25.8	26.0	26.1	26.1	26.1
Education	36.8	36.8	38.7	38.8	38.8	38.8
Other Professional	12.4	12.2	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.1
Entertainment, Sport	18.6	18.2	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.1
Personal Service (e)	52.2	52.9	54.1	54.1	54.4	54.7
<u>Total Other</u>	177.3	177.4	181.6	182.1	182.4	182.5
TOTAL:	1953.1	1955.2	*1996.0	*1999.6	2003.1	2001.7

FEMALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	222.0	223.4	224.4	225.6	226.9	228.7
Other (b)	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	229.0	230.4	231.7	232.9	234.2	236.0
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building and Construction	4.7	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	8.4	8.4	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.4
Communication	18.0	18.7	18.7	18.8	18.8	19.0
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	36.9	37.5	38.6	38.6	38.6	39.0

* Affected by industrial disputes.

For notes see page 9.

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	Sept., 1954	Oct., 1954	July, 1955	August 1955	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955
FEMALES (continued)						
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	35.1	35.0	38.1	38.2	38.2	38.4
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	38.1	38.1	39.5	39.8	40.2	40.2
Primary Produce Agencies	5.5	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8
Retail Trade	115.9	117.7	121.7	121.3	122.1	123.3
Total Commerce	159.5	161.3	166.9	166.9	168.1	169.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	27.8	27.6	29.0	28.8	28.6	28.3
Other -						
Law and Order	9.1	9.1	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.5
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	71.2	71.3	73.9	74.2	+74.6	74.7
Education	45.1	45.2	48.1	48.4	48.1	48.2
Other Professional	9.6	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9
Entertainment, Sport	9.0	9.0	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.8
Personal Service (e)	67.4	68.0	69.3	69.6	+70.1	70.5
Total Other	220.4	221.1	228.2	229.3	230.0	230.6
TOTAL	714.6	718.7	738.7	740.9	743.9	747.8

PERSONS

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.6	26.4	27.1	27.3	27.1	26.9
Mining -						
Gold	7.6	7.5	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.5
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.5	9.5	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.3
Coal	29.6	29.5	28.8	28.7	28.6	28.3
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.1	12.1	12.8	12.7	12.7	12.6
Total Mining and Quarrying	58.8	58.6	59.4	59.3	59.3	58.7
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	920.9	924.0	*936.6	941.8	944.3	947.4
Other (b)	67.9	67.9	69.7	* 69.3	70.1	70.1
Total Manufacturing	988.8	991.9	*1006.3	*1011.1	1014.4	1017.5
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	94.0	93.3	95.3	95.4	96.6	96.5
Other (d)	115.2	115.1	121.7	119.6	118.5	116.7
Total Building and Construction	209.2	208.4	217.0	215.0	215.1	213.2
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	91.6	90.8	93.8	93.7	94.0	93.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	51.2	51.7	54.0	53.9	53.6	52.5
Rail and Air Transport	115.0	114.7	116.8	117.1	116.5	116.0
Communication	79.7	80.7	82.9	83.1	83.1	83.5
Total Transport, etc.	337.5	337.9	347.5	347.8	347.2	345.9
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	93.1	92.8	97.6	97.7	97.7	97.8
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	157.0	157.8	163.0	163.8	164.4	164.4
Primary Produce Agencies	29.2	30.5	28.2	28.6	30.3	31.4
Retail Trade	244.1	245.9	250.5	250.1	251.0	252.8
Total Commerce	430.3	434.2	441.7	442.5	445.7	448.6
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	125.7	125.2	128.3	128.4	128.1	127.8
Other -						
Law and Order	29.2	29.2	29.7	29.8	29.8	29.8
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	97.0	97.1	99.9	100.3	+ 100.7	100.8
Education	81.9	82.0	86.8	87.2	86.9	87.0
Other Professional	22.0	21.8	23.0	23.1	23.1	23.0
Entertainment, Sport	27.6	27.2	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.9
Personal Service (e)	119.6	120.9	123.4	123.7	+ 124.5	125.2
Total Other	397.7	398.5	409.8	411.4	412.4	413.1
TOTAL	2667.7	2673.9	*2734.7	*2740.5	2747.0	2749.5

* Affected by industrial disputes.

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TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - OCTOBER, 1955.

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
MALES							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.6	5.7	5.9	1.8	2.3	2.1	26.7
Mining and Quarrying	30.0	4.7	9.7	1.7	8.0	3.0	57.6
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	292.7	225.5	75.6	69.7	35.9	19.1	718.7
Other (b)	27.1	18.2	10.5	2.6	2.5	0.6	62.8
Total Manufacturing:	319.8	243.7	86.3	72.3	38.4	19.7	781.5
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	72.7	52.7	36.0	19.1	15.2	9.1	208.3
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.3	10.9	8.8	5.9	4.8	2.2	50.0
Rail and Air Transport	39.2	22.7	21.5	10.0	11.1	2.6	107.6
Other Transport and Communication	60.3	38.6	23.6	12.6	9.1	4.4	149.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	22.9	18.0	8.1	5.0	3.7	1.5	59.4
Retail Trade	50.7	37.3	15.6	12.2	9.7	3.6	129.5
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.0	42.5	21.7	15.0	14.8	4.6	149.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.5	28.2	11.8	7.8	7.4	3.8	99.5
Other Industries (g)	70.4	52.0	24.1	15.9	11.8	6.3	182.5
TOTAL MALES:	779.4	557.0	273.1	179.3	136.3	62.9	2001.7
FEMALES							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	99.0	89.0	14.2	16.3	6.0	4.2	228.7
Other (b)	1.0	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.3
Total Manufacturing:	100.0	91.3	17.1	16.4	6.9	4.2	236.0
Rail and Air Transport	3.9	2.0	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.4
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.4	9.1	4.5	2.7	1.5	1.2	30.6
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	17.0	10.7	4.4	3.1	2.2	0.9	38.4
Retail Trade	45.8	33.9	16.0	12.9	10.0	4.3	123.3
Wholesale and Other Commerce	17.7	12.1	7.4	4.2	3.6	1.0	46.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.8	6.8	4.5	1.7	2.0	1.0	28.3
Other Industries (g)	91.1	62.4	35.4	20.2	17.3	8.8	236.8
TOTAL FEMALES:	297.7	228.3	90.6	61.9	43.9	21.5	747.8
PERSONS							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.7	5.8	5.9	1.8	2.3	2.1	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	30.3	4.8	10.0	1.8	8.2	3.1	58.7
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	391.7	314.5	90.0	86.0	41.9	23.3	947.4
Other (b)	28.1	20.5	13.4	2.7	3.4	0.6	70.1
Total Manufacturing:	419.8	335.0	103.4	88.7	45.3	23.9	1017.5
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	74.8	54.0	36.6	19.5	15.5	9.2	213.2
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.4	11.5	9.1	6.1	5.0	2.3	52.5
Rail and Air Transport	43.1	24.7	22.8	10.7	11.5	2.7	116.0
Other Transport and Communication	70.6	47.1	27.8	15.1	10.4	5.5	177.4
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	39.9	28.7	12.5	8.1	5.9	2.4	97.8
Retail Trade	96.5	71.2	31.6	25.1	19.7	7.9	252.8
Wholesale and Other Commerce	68.7	54.6	29.1	19.2	18.4	5.6	195.8
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.3	35.0	16.3	9.5	9.4	4.8	127.8
Other Industries (g)	159.0	112.9	58.6	35.6	28.6	14.9	413.1
TOTAL PERSONS:	1077.1	785.3	363.7	241.2	180.2	84.4	2749.5

For notes see page 9.

NOTES TO TABLES 9 AND 10

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc.. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 11 and 13 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 15. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1954 October	367,252	114,967	482,219	+ 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
November	369,009	115,520	484,529	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
December	367,627	115,469	483,096	- 0.4	..	- 0.3
1955 January	367,215	116,923	484,138	- 0.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.2
February	371,325	119,330	490,655	+ 1.1	+ 2.1	+ 1.3
March	372,303	118,952	491,255	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	372,158	116,189	488,347	- 0.1	- 2.3	- 0.6
May	372,894	115,524	488,418	+ 0.2	- 0.6	..
June	375,438	115,824	491,262	+ 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
July	375,922	115,058	490,980	+ 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.1
August	376,382	115,406	491,788	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	377,305	116,689	493,994	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
October	*378,243	*117,121	*495,364	* + 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	378,937	116,848	495,785	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1

* Revised.

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1954		1955			Sept. -	Oct.
	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Oct., 1955	Nov., 1955

MALES

New South Wales	145,348	146,504	149,656	*149,698	150,416	* -	+ 0.5
Victoria	110,932	111,504	112,988	113,824	114,055	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
Queensland	40,336	40,403	42,286	42,246	41,849	- 0.1	- 0.9
South Australia	41,343	41,220	42,477	42,467	42,440	-	- 0.1
West Australia	17,653	17,723	17,857	17,935	18,017	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Tasmania	11,640	11,655	12,041	12,073	12,160	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
TOTAL	367,252	369,009	377,305	*378,243	378,937	* + 0.2	+ 0.2

FEMALES

New South Wales	45,717	46,084	46,951	* 47,227	47,133	+ 0.6	- 0.2
Victoria	44,251	44,647	44,663	44,824	44,844	+ 0.4	-
Queensland	8,617	8,542	8,741	8,714	8,481	- 0.3	- 2.7
South Australia	8,937	8,804	9,036	9,049	9,003	+ 0.1	- 0.5
West Australia	4,020	3,988	3,618	3,655	3,672	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Tasmania	3,425	3,455	3,680	3,652	3,715	- 0.8	+ 1.7
TOTAL	114,967	115,520	116,689	*117,121	116,848	+ 0.4	- 0.2

PERSONS

New South Wales	191,065	192,588	196,607	*196,925	197,549	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Victoria	155,183	156,151	157,651	158,648	158,899	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Queensland	48,953	48,945	51,027	50,960	50,330	- 0.1	- 1.2
South Australia	50,280	50,024	51,513	51,516	51,443	-	- 0.1
West Australia	21,673	21,711	21,475	21,590	21,689	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Tasmania	15,065	15,110	15,721	15,725	15,875	-	+ 1.0
TOTAL	482,219	484,529	493,994	*495,364	495,785	+ 0.3	+ 0.1

* Revised

TABLE 13. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1954 October	325,210	102,455	427,665	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
November	326,611	103,068	429,679	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
December	326,859	102,366	429,225	+ 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.1
1955 January	329,647	102,041	431,688	+ 0.9	- 0.3	+ 0.6
February	331,397	102,474	433,871	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
March	332,479	102,747	435,226	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
April	332,931	102,605	435,536	+ 0.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
May	333,058	102,290	435,348	..	- 0.3	..
June	333,989	102,647	436,636	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
July	334,063	102,562	436,625	..	- 0.1	..
August	334,276	102,793	437,069	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
September	334,649	103,903	438,552	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	*334,772	*104,125	*438,897	* ..	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
November	335,717	103,946	439,663	+ 0.3	- 0.2	+ 0.2

* Revised

TABLE 14. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES
STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1954		1955			Sept. -	Oct. -
	October	November	September	October	November	Oct., 1955	Nov., 1955

MALES

New South Wales	135,585	136,581	139,742	*139,833	140,745	+ 0.1	+ 0.7
Victoria	99,528	99,820	102,296	102,441	102,511	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Queensland	25,603	25,748	26,569	26,449	26,339	- 0.5	- 0.4
South Australia	38,680	38,568	39,707	39,641	39,689	- 0.2	+ 0.1
West Australia	15,734	15,815	16,017	16,058	16,057	+ 0.3	-
Tasmania	10,080	10,079	10,318	10,350	10,376	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
TOTAL	325,210	326,611	334,649	*334,772	335,717	* ..	+ 0.3

FEMALES

New South Wales	41,347	41,675	42,435	* 42,663	42,530	+ 0.5	- 0.3
Victoria	40,347	40,698	40,910	40,886	40,841	- 0.1	- 0.1
Queensland	7,119	7,061	6,999	7,002	6,904	-	- 1.4
South Australia	7,710	7,681	7,827	7,856	7,896	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
West Australia	3,165	3,137	2,809	2,833	2,844	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
Tasmania	2,767	2,816	2,923	2,885	2,931	- 1.3	+ 1.6
TOTAL	102,455	103,068	103,903	*104,125	103,946	+ 0.2	- 0.2

PERSONS

New South Wales	176,932	178,256	182,177	*182,496	183,275	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Victoria	139,875	140,518	143,206	143,327	143,352	+ 0.1	-
Queensland	32,722	32,809	33,568	33,451	33,243	- 0.3	- 0.6
South Australia	46,390	46,249	47,534	47,497	47,585	- 0.1	+ 0.2
West Australia	18,899	18,952	18,826	18,891	18,901	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Tasmania	12,847	12,895	13,241	13,235	13,307	-	+ 0.5
TOTAL	427,665	429,679	438,552	*438,897	439,663	+ 0.1	+ 0.2

* Revised

TABLE 15 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	Nov., 1954	Sept., 1955	Oct., 1955	Nov., 1955	Sept. - Oct., 1955	Oct. - Nov., 1955
MALES						
1. Building Materials	33,381	34,005	*34,047	34,156	* + 0.1	+ 0.3
2. Basic Metals	34,359	34,846	34,740	35,232	- 0.3	+ 1.4
3. Transportation Equipment	55,385	59,583	59,789	59,890	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
4. Other Metal Manufactures	87,304	89,750	89,580	89,363	- 0.2	- 0.2
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	16,567	17,504	17,574	17,633	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
6. Clothing and Textiles	33,853	32,089	32,084	32,314	-	+ 0.7
7. Food	40,822	40,933	41,748	41,436	+ 2.0	- 0.7
8. All Other	55,683	56,554	56,628	56,753	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Total - All Groups	357,354	365,264	366,170	366,777	* + 0.2	+ 0.2
Total - Excluding Food	316,532	324,331	*324,422	325,341	* -	+ 0.3

FEMALES

1. Building Materials	2,774	2,935	* 2,966	3,032	* + 1.0	+ 2.2
2. Basic Metals	1,324	1,313	1,319	1,314	-	- 0.4
3. Transportation Equipment	4,814	5,249	5,212	5,301	- 0.7	+ 1.7
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,756	19,683	20,094	19,819	+ 2.1	- 1.4
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,049	4,272	4,254	4,274	- 0.4	+ 0.5
6. Clothing and Textiles	54,204	51,845	51,702	51,572	- 0.3	- 0.3
7. Food	11,813	12,029	12,229	12,118	+ 1.7	- 0.9
8. All Other	15,331	15,683	15,693	15,703	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Total - All Groups	112,065	113,009	*113,469	113,133	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Total - Excluding Food	100,252	100,980	*101,240	101,015	* + 0.3	- 0.2

* Revised.

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)

Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1953 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	June Quarter	2,377	2,427
1947-48	1,164	1,206	Sept. "	2,445	2,479
1948-49	1,322	1,365	Dec. "	2,436	2,477
1949-50	1,451	1,505	1954 -		
			March Quarter	2,491	2,552
1950-51	1,742	1,810	June "	2,477	2,534
1951-52	2,145	2,213	Sept. "	2,522	2,609
1952-53	2,350	2,394	Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1953-54	2,462	2,511	1955 -		
1954-55	2,572	2,658	March Quarter	2,589	2,705
			June "	2,652	2,730
			Sept. "	2,689	2,767

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1952-53 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1953 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
30TH SEPTEMBER, 1955							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	338	323	306	318	339	330	327
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	323	315	311	311	340	331	319
III. Food, Drink, etc.	321	328	300	322	328	333	320
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	313	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	369	367	344	355	391	374	365
VI. Other Manufacturing	323	315	296	319	324	328	317
VII. Building	367	351	336	339	356	344	355
VIII. Mining (c)	333	328	318	303	358	325	332
IX. Rail and Tram Services	338	333	313	316	329	334	330
X. Other Land Transport	316	305	287	301	323	316	308
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	342	348	343	345	345	346	344
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	379	344	347	338	355	373	359
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	310	306	277	286	305	296	302
XIV. Miscellaneous	315	314	291	293	318	307	310
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	338	326	315	317	339	337	330
31ST OCTOBER, 1955							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	338	323	308	318	339	330	328
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	323	315	313	311	340	331	319
III. Food, Drink, etc.	321	328	302	322	328	333	320
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	313	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	369	367	354	355	391	374	367
VI. Other Manufacturing	324	315	298	319	324	328	318
VII. Building	368	351	339	339	356	344	355
VIII. Mining (c)	333	328	319	303	358	325	332
IX. Rail and Tram Services	338	333	315	316	329	334	330
X. Other Land Transport	316	305	289	301	328	316	309
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	344	348	343	345	345	346	345
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	379	344	349	338	358	373	360
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	310	306	279	286	305	296	302
XIV. Miscellaneous	317	314	293	293	318	307	311
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	339	327	317	317	340	337	331

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based include the value of keep, where supplied.

TABLE 18 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
31st March, 1954	346	337	319	327	352	341	339
30th June, 1954	346	337	322	327	352	341	339
30th September, 1954	346	336	323	327	352	341	339
31st December, 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 19 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1954 December	1,182	480	1,228	64	136	73	2,184	979	3,163
1955 January	1,252	437	2,165	67	144	52	3,190	927	4,117
February	1,135	363	2,371	57	147	46	3,173	946	4,119
March	1,242	286	2,347	45	131	35	3,143	943	4,086
April	1,116	288	1,799	52	157	41	2,495	958	3,453
May	1,053	335	1,140	63	171	32	1,834	960	2,794
June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
July	1,070	335	615	55	268	67	1,381	1,029	2,410
August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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